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In October 1999, the Army unveiled a new Vision, focused on people, readiness and transformation. Since then, the Army has aggressively begun implementing the Vision and has embarked on a comprehensive journey to an Objective Force that will be responsive and dominant across the entire spectrum of military operations. We will do so while always maintaining our non-negotiable contract with the American people to fight and decisively win the Nation's wars. This commitment to the Nation has been visibly reaffirmed since September 2001, with Army forces of all types and components fully committed abroad and at home in the ongoing war against terrorism.

The 2002 Modernization Plan provides an update on the Army's efforts to support and implement Transformation. It describes the Modernization and Investment Strategies adopted by the Army that place priority on pursuing advanced technologies and developing systems to meet future requirements, while at the same time remaining firmly committed to maintaining the readiness of the current force, which will enable Transformation and future readiness for tomorrow's missions.

This Modernization Plan describes how modernization efforts are supporting Army Transformation by building combat capable units using a comprehensive and balanced approach. Ultimately, the success of Transformation depends on our Soldiers and the people who support them, and it involves more than just equipment: For that reason, this year's Plan incorporates new annexes addressing important personnel, training, doctrine, and infrastructure topics, as well as one devoted to Homeland Security.

Congress and the Department of Defense have responded positively to the Army's Transformation plan by providing the resources to create sustainable momentum for the future. The Presidential Budget for fiscal year 2003 reflects continued support for this revolutionary path of change while still preserving the Army's readiness and unwavering commitment to the security of the Nation.

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